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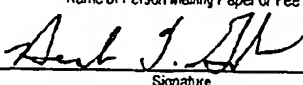
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CAMERA USING THE IMAGING DEVICE
By: Hitoshi HAGIMORI, Yasushi YAMAMOTO,
Genta YAGYU, and Kazuhiko ISHIMARU
Attorney Docket: 15162/05550

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to IMAGING DEVICE
AND DIGITAL CAMERA USING THE IMAGING DEVICE, Hitoshi HAGIMORI,
Yasushi YAMAMOTO, Genta YAGYU, and Kazuhiko ISHIMARU, inventors:

- (1) Specification (52 pages, including 24 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (9 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (22 sheets) (Figs. 1-22);
- (4) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) with a certified
copy of Japanese Priority Document No. 2002-196171 (74 pages) ;
- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), with
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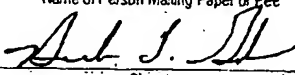
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The following documents are cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-196303 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published July 21, 1999; and
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-258678 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published September 24, 1999.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (3) Uzawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,448,319, issued September 5, 1995;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-248318 (SONY CORP), published September 27, 1996;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-131610 (SONY CORP), published May 12, 2000;
- (6) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,104,432, issued August 15, 2000;
- (7) European Patent No. EP 0 906 587 B1, published September 4, 2002;
- (8) Mihara et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0136150 A1, published September 26, 2002;
- (9) Hagimori et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/325,271, filed December 20, 2002; and

(9) Iwasawa et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/390,360, filed March 17, 2003.

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